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ON THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION.....

President-elect John Landrum reports that the speaker for the Saturday morning General Session will be Fred Glazer, Director of the West Virginia State Library Commission. Glazer, a former advertising executive turned librarian, was the organizer of "The Great Information Show" in Charleston, West Virginia, an event which drew an estimated 25,000 people. Mr. Glazer's topic will be "Publicity and PR."

The program for the Second Session (Friday) has been revised. The speaker, as yet unidentified, will speak on the role of the school library media center in emerging state and national library networks.

Mr. Landrum advises us that the call to the convention, the program outline, and registration forms will be mailed out at the end of August.

REMEMBER: You cannot attend the convention unless you are a member of SCLA! What better time than now to renew your membership?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE IN ACTION

SCLA Nominating Committee Chairman Lennart Pearson recently sent to all SCLA members the nominations for 1980 SCLA Officers. The official ballot will be mailed out early in September, and the results will be reported at the Convention in Charleston, October 11-13, 1979.

Your thoughtful attention to this correspondence as well as your compliance with the deadlines for additional nominations and the official ballot will be appreciated.

WANTED:

Names of persons eligible to become HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF SCLA. If you (or anyone you know) have retired this year and have been a member of SCLA for ten consecutive years, please notify either SCLA President Marty Pautz or SCLA Executive Secretary Lou Whitmore. The information will be a great help in gathering names of persons to be honored at the convention in October.

ANNA DAVIS KING RETIRES

Anna King Davis, Director of the Richland County Public Library, retired from her post on June 30. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, Mrs. King received her library degree from Emory University and was formerly librarian at A. C. Moore Elementary School and Crayton School before she began working at Richland County Public Library in 1967. She was named Director in May, 1969.

In a Resolution of Commendation, the Richland County Council praised Mrs. King for "...devoting her energy and foresight to creating a truly impressive library system." The resolution stated that Mrs. King "has presented Richland County with a gift which can never be fully repaid.

ALSO FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

The Richland County Public Library has contracted with the Coordinated Occupational Information Network (COIN) for the South Carolina Occupational System (SCOIS). The computerized delivery system provides up-to-date information on occupations and their specialities and describes post high school training programs as well as two and four year colleges and universities offering related courses. Within a few months it will also include jobs available in these occupations in South Carolina. There is no charge to the public for the service.

COLLEGE OF LIBRARIANSHIP DUE FOR ACCREDITATION VISIT

USC's College of Librarianship has submitted a self-study report to the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (COA) as a first step in the periodic review of accreditation. ALA now revisits all schools on a 5-7 year cycle. A site visit team will visit the campus September 23 through 27, and its report will be considered by the COA at the ALA Midwinter Conference in 1980.

It is expected that alumni will be invited to meet with the site visitors during their stay on campus.

OFF-CAMPUS COURSES FOR FALL

The College of Librarianship also reports that in Greenville this fall Dan Barron will teach LIBR 720, Administration of the School Media Program, Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m. In Charleston, LIBR 702, Foundations of Acquisitions and Organization of Information and Materials, will be taught on Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m.

For further information concerning the dates and times for registration, contact Fredi Dixon (777-3887) after August 1.

MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Kenneth E. Toombs, Director of Libraries at USC, reports that the United States will be the nation to provide the 1980-81 recipient of the prestigious Nancy Stirling Lambert Scholarship. The successful candidate, which should be a graduate with a professional qualification in librarianship, will carry out research on matters of common concern to libraries and the book trade.

The scholarship is named for the grandmother of Sir Basil Blackwell, president of Blackwell's, the Oxford booksellers. Total value of the scholarship will be approximately \$9500. The recipient of the scholarship will be based at the College of Librarianship Wales in Aberystwyth. The research will commence in October 1980 or in January or April 1981 and will continue full-time for twelve months. Blackwell's will have the option to publish the final report or thesis, in which case royalties will be payable to the author.

Persons interested in pursuing the scholarship should contact Mr. Toombs for further information.

PEOPLE

Ms. KATINA STRAUCH has recently joined the Robert Scott Small Library at the College of Charleston as Acquisitions Librarian. Ms. Strauch, a native of Richmond, Virginia earned a Masters in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was formerly a librarian for the Low Country Area Health Education Center, Charleston.

MARGARET MUNN, Branch Librarian for Richland County Public Library, married Ronald Claypool on May 5. On April 24, Philip Edward Dreher married JEANETTE HAIR, Assistant Reference Librarian for Richland County Public Library.

CHRISTYN BILLINSKY has been appointed as Lecturer for 1979 at the College of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Billinsky is a graduate of Simons College and has experience as librarian of the Computer Science Proper Laboratory in Cambridge, Mass. She will be teaching courses in information science.

CHARLES DAVID WARREN has been appointed Director of the Richland County Public Library according to Owen G. Shell, Jr., Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees. He will assume the position in September. Mr. Warren comes to Richland County from the Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville, N. C. where he served as Director. He is currently Immediate Past President of the Junior Members Round Table of the American Library Association. Mr. Warren received a B. S. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1967 and a Master of Science Degree in Library Science, specializing in Library Administration, from the University of Illinois in 1969.

WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, & SUCH

Legal Reference Workshop--The Government Documents Roundtable of SCLA is sponsoring a workshop on Legal Reference to be held on September 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Richland County Public Library in Columbia. Ms. Robin Mills, Director of Coleman Karesh Law Library, USC will be presenting the workshop. Topics which will be covered include U. S. and South Carolina Statutes, Codes and Court Decisions and their appropriate bibliographic aids. The subject content will be suitable for the Reference Librarian in a public, academic or special library who does not work with legal materials on a daily basis. For those who wish to attend, please send check in the amount of \$4.00 made out to SCLA and mail it to: Ms. Frances Ellison, Documents Librarian, Dacus Library, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. 29733.

The Southeastern Antiquarian Book Fair, sponsored by The College of Charleston Library Associates, will be held October 12-14 in Charleston. National book dealers will exhibit rare books, maps, prints, and manuscripts for purchase. The Gaillard Municipal Auditorium will be the setting for the Book Fair, near the Francis Marion Hotel where the SCLA Convention will run concurrently.

The hours of the Book Fair are as follows:

Friday Night--Preview and wine and cheese reception	
	7:30 p.m.--11:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m.
Sunday	12 Noon-6:00 p.m.

Admission fees:

Friday-Sunday	\$ 5.00
Saturday and Sunday	3.00
Saturday or Sunday	2.00

The Robert Scott Small Library of the College of Charleston is pleased to announce the 3rd Southeastern Conference on Approaches to Bibliographic Instruction to be held March 6-7, 1980.

The program directors encourage all those with ideas in the philosophy and the practice of library instruction to propose papers for a panel on "Library Instruction: Is there a Role for the Technical Services Librarian?" Proposals should be accompanied by a 300 word abstract and a vita.

All proposals should be mailed by December 1, 1979 and sent to:

Cerise Oberman-Soroka
Robert Scott Small Library
College of Charleston
Charleston, S. C. 29401

Decisions will be made by January 15, 1980.

ETC.

The Federal government's energy conservation rulings seem to have opened a can of bookworms. A recent issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education carried a report from Winthrop's Dacus Library that the mandated 80-degree setting for air conditioners was resulting in rapid destruction of that library's books. On the other hand, an antiquarian book specialist in the state has commented that he's seen materials that have been in the South Carolina Summer heat (at times 100 degrees and above) for 200 years with no visible damage, "provided you've got good air circulation around the books." SCLA and this newsletter would very much like to receive reports of any damage due to heat.

DID YOU KNOW THAT -

Did you know that the Past President, the President, the First Vice-President, and the Second Vice-President of the Association are all graduates of the School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill?

JOBLINE

South Carolina

University of South Carolina College of Librarianship Jobline: For information on vacant positions, call (803) 777-8443. To list a position, write: Admissions and Placement Coordinator, College of Librarianship, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. 29208.

Out-of-State

Metropolitan Washington Library Jobline: For information on vacant positions, call (202) 223-2272. To list a position, write: Mary Jones, Library Planning Office, Council of Governments, 1225 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C. 20036 or phone (202) 223-6800, ext. 344.

North Carolina Jobline: For information on vacant positions, call (919) 733-6410. To list a position, call (919) 733-2570.

Virginia Library Jobline: For information on vacant positions, call (804) 355-0384. Lists positions for State of Virginia Libraries only.

Florida: Positions wanted are listed for a \$5 fee. Positions to be filled are free. Send inquiries and information to Charlene H. Cappellini, Media Specialist, Lively Vocational-Technical School, 500 N. Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

ALA CONFERENCE - DALLAS, JUNE 23 - JUNE 29

All areas of the State and all sections of SCLA were well represented at the ALA Conference held at Dallas, Texas, on June 23 - 29. Enthusiastic participants enjoyed the offerings from the reception on the first night, with a helicopter overhead flashing "Howdy ALA" to the cheese-consuming, wine-imbibing librarians massed in the Dallas Civic Plaza, to the prestigious inaugural banquet which closed the activities. A wide variety of events were scattered between, including visits to grand and pretentious libraries in Dallas and Austin. They proved there's no limit to what we in South Carolina could do with our libraries if the Kudzu vine could be either refined or distilled.

A Conference which attracted more than 10,000 participants to over 1,900 activities can not be summarized and we will not try to do so. There are, however, several residual impressions which stand out. The single element, perhaps, would be that this Conference, more than any other, seemed to reflect the signs of the times. Of special note were the large number of presentations (as well as exhibitors displays) on the use of on-line, automated systems in circulation, cataloging, reference, retrieval, acquisitions, etc. in libraries of all types. The librarian who could not glibly refer to "data bases", "access points", "file structures", etc. was condemned to at least a temporary silence. The inclination toward wild enthusiasm was tempered by the occasional admonition "to move carefully

since you will be spending between a quarter and a half million dollars for your system" - a funding level more appropriate to Texas than South Carolina. Several programs on networking seemed to offer possible solutions to those libraries without the means to support their own automated systems. As can be imagined, AACRII was well dissected without a firm prognosis.

The school librarians, feeling the pinch of Proposition 13, expressed their strong concern at proposed reductions in material and personnel budgets. The Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians passed a resolution requesting that ALA appeal to accrediting agencies to strengthen or at least maintain regional standards in the face of tax cuts. Pat Scales of Greenville was elected to the Planning Board of the Affiliate Assembly. The Newberry Caldecott Awards Dinner was most successful with more than 1,500 in attendance.

The public librarians were exposed to a great number of activities in their area. Concern for service to the hearing impaired, who in the past have been somewhat neglected, has been added to the interest in providing service to the blind and physically handicapped. The rising costs of library materials resulted in an unusually large number of exhibits on theft detection systems. For those interested in promotional materials, there seems to be a new emphasis on meeting the needs of smaller public libraries. The plastic book bags, for example, which are always a favorite in inclement weather, are available now without buying a twenty-year supply. The portable (or at least semi-portable) Kiosks on display attracted special attention. The energy shortage was reflected in the architectural presentations which emphasized solar heating and other methods of preserving energy. One of the best pre-conferences on new library building stressed the flexibility which wide-open spaces can give to the non-public areas of a library.

Of special note are the following comments from Betty Callaham, our ALA Councilor: "Refraining from the obvious comments about the sprawling size of Dallas and the unwieldy size of ALA, the matter demanding immediate consideration by ALA members is the proposed increase in membership dues. Numerous alternatives were debated at length in both Membership and Council - ranging from a sliding dues scale tied to salaries to a floating dues scale tied to the cost of living index. But, in essence, the question facing Membership is do we wish to cut activities and services or to increase dues? With a deficit budget in prospect, ALA cannot permit the continued proliferation of sections and divisions and the multiplying number of programs and activities. Our professional association can only be and do as much as we are willing to finance. Ultimately, the decision must be made by the members. Before a vote is taken, each individual needs to ponder this question."

C. J. Cambre, our representative to the ALA Ad Hoc Copyright Subcommittee, sends in the following report on the Copyright Law Five-Year Review meeting in which he participated: "The purpose of this meeting was to bring the library community up-to-date on steps thus far for the Five-Year Review mandated by subsection 108(i) of the Copyright Law: to alert the library community to the kinds of documentation which may be requested for the five-year review; to report on recent studies in implementing provisions of the law; and to provide an opportunity for the library community to speak out on issues to be included in the five-year review.

"While the speakers did provide an update on what proposals the various committees and subcommittees have been making concerning the five-year review, the meeting was similar to others held concerning copyright issues. No real answers could be given by the speakers and the old phrase of 'let your conscience be your guide' was very much in evidence. Many librarians expressed the concern that they really didn't know what type of records should be kept or that there were so many records that neither the staff or money was available to keep them.

"Surveys will be forthcoming in order for the committees to receive greater input from the various libraries who are having to cope with the copyright law. It is hoped that the state liaisons can work closely with the State Associations to disseminate the information as it is made available."

The usual fun and games took place during the Conference with the iridescent Hyatt Regency, the stolid Anatole, the elegant Fairmont and other hotels providing the backdrop to a wide range of receptions, parties, dalliances and rendezvous.

CURRENT SCLA MEMBERSHIP (August 9)

Personal	683
Student	4
Retired (not honorary)	8
Honorary Life	63
Institutional	46
Contributing	4
TOTAL	808

Last year (August 19, 1978): 793
Total membership last year: 955

SELA PRESIDENTS' MEETING

A meeting of the presidents of the state associations in the Southeast at Atlanta on August 2 and 3 provided for an exchange of ideas and a comparison of activities in the various associations.

SCLA carries out many procedures in which the other presidents were interested. The following are some activities conducted by other states in which we do not take part:

Political Activities

1. Support a paid lobbyist to the State Legislature for specific bills.
2. Provide strong support to Legislative Day in Washington including chartering an airplane, paying the expenses of librarians who attend, etc.
3. State-Wide Librarian Appreciation Day for governors, legislators, local politicians, etc.
4. Governor's Conference on Libraries every five-years.

Funding

1. Personal dues as high as \$35 with "benefactors" as high as \$100.
2. Charge for membership handbook with free update and separate membership lists.
3. Selling address labels for one time use with those members omitted who so indicate.

Organization

1. To reduce size and expenses of Executive Boards (SCLA has 22 members - 6 of whom do not vote) some states have a two-level structure with an Executive Council, made up of all members, which meets quarterly and a Board, made up of elected officers, which meets bi-monthly.
2. With one exception, all state associations have executive secretaries.

Although there are no plans at this time to adopt these practices in SCLA, the Executive Board, the committee chairmen, and the membership should continue to search out ideas to help carry out our purpose more effectively.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on August 25 at the Richland County Library. All members are invited to attend.

Bring a buddy to the Convention at Charleston on October 11 - 13.

JOIN SCLA - TODAY

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	YEAR
STREET	CITY	STATE	
COUNTY	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	
LIBRARY	POSITION		

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

☐ Individual \$10.00
☐ Retired \$5.00

☐ Student \$5.00
☐ Contributing \$15.00

SECTIONS & ROUND TABLES: Individual members are entitled to two sections with dues. Round Table dues and additional section memberships are \$2.00 extra.

TYPE OF LIBRARY

☐ Public
☐ College & Univer.
☐ School
☐ Special

TYPE OF ACTIVITY

☐ Children/Young People
☐ Library Admin.
☐ Public Services
☐ Technical Services
☐ Trustee

ROUND TABLES

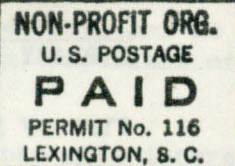
☐ Junior Members
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Are you a member of ALA ☐ Yes ☐ No; SELA ☐ Yes ☐ No

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